THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

OBJECTIVES OF 8TH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

2639. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what was the expenditure incurred in holding the Eighth International Childern's Film Festival in Udaipur ;

(b) what were the objectives of this film festival;

(c) whether it is a fact that commercial films were included for screening in the film festival; and

(d) the steps being taken to adhere to the guidelines laid down for holding children's film festival ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) While the accounts of actual expenditure are being compiled by the National Centre of Films for Children and Young People (N'CYP), it is expected to be close to the budget estimates of Rs. 150 lakhs.

(b) The objectives of this festival like previous such festivals were :

(i) To bring together and promote films from all over the world, whose main purpose is to entertain and educate children and young people, and to help them acquire a more critical appreciation of the film art.

(ii) To encourage the exchange of ideas and points of view between filmmakers, children and young people to pay special attention to those films which attempt to foster mutual understanding and awareness of problems between children, young people and adults.

(iii) To exhibit the best of children and youth films having artistic, pedagogic and humanitarian qualities which contribute to a better understanding between people and cultures.

(c) Two recent films basically centring round children and young people, namely 'HUM HAI RAHI PYAR KE' and 'JO JEETA WOHI SIKANDAR' which had run in the commercial circuit earlier were shown in the associated screenings during the festival. These two films did not, however, form part of any official section of festival. In the Nostalgia Section of the festival, which pertained to basically good old films for children, certain old films of interest to children which had earlier run in commercial circuit were screened.

(d) No formal guidelines have been laid down for children's film festivals. The estival conducted at Udaipur was however, in the pattern of international festivals of the same type and the earlier seven festivals held by N'CYP.

GUIDELINES OF IMPOSING TAX OF THE CABLE T. V. OPERATION

2640. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the Cable TC operators to pay tax ;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines of imposing tax on the Cable T.V. operators;

(c) whether Ministry has made any survey of the number of Cable TV operators in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND